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Samuel Gompers has a first mortgage on the American Federation of Labor.

King George recognized merit when he made Lieutenant General Byng a regular general.

Andrew Carnegie, who has been practically off the newspaper map for several years, comes back riding horseback. It is not yet reported whether he brought his bag of gold.

While the capture of Jerusalem would be a good performance the seizure of Cambrai would be more to the point. Final victory in the war will be won on the western front.

Even if the Germans do outwit the Russians in diplomatic interchange there is no certainty that the Russians will stay put. Germany has a big job keeping the lid on Russia.

If it is expedient to announce that U. S. destroyers have destroyed a German submarine there surely can be no harm done in announcing that most of the crew of the U-boat are prisoners now.

With seven appointments to United States army commissions following the course of training in the military training school at Plattsburg, Barre takes a leading place among Vermont communities.

If the Berlin official report is to be credited, the enemies of Germany have been defeated in just 1,973,000 battles since the war started. In fact, nearly every engagement is a German victory—to the Germans.

The Rutland News expresses the opinion that it did not "hurt" Rutland—not really—to give up a barrel of cast-off clothing to a Barre mission. Having satisfied ourselves that Rutland is not bleeding over such a magnificent generosity, we are content.

There is to be no slicing down of the over-subscription to the Y. M. C. A. war fund. If the war is prolonged, as now expected, by the Russian collapse and the temporary Italian reverse, the Y. M. C. A. will need the full fifty millions instead of the thirty-five millions, which were originally asked for, in order to carry on the fine work which the organization has undertaken.

In giving credit for the British success after the Hindenburg line had been passed west of Cambrai, the British cavalry must not be overlooked, for the reports, official and otherwise, assert that the long-unused mounted force did great execution among the crews manning the German guns, dashing boldly into the face of the batteries and using the sabre on the gunners or accepting their surrender. The cavalry section of the British and France armies will come in handily once the Germans are forced to retreat to a new line of defense.

Berlin Tageblatt announces that "the English have their troubles in finding crews for them (the tanks). There is no particular passion left for this kind of sport." Needless to say, this remark was uttered before Nov. 20—just six days before, to be exact; and, if further proof of the incorrectness of the German theory is wanted, it only needs to be said that German reports had it that from 150 to 200 of these tanks were used in the drive before Cambrai. Evidently these 150 to 200 machines must have been well manned, or else the British could not have smashed the Hindenburg line. So it must be concluded, even by the Germans, that there is still considerable sport left in tanking. Or it may be that the British have more sand in entering these tanks than the Germans have for submerging since the American navy came into the war.

The losses sustained by the Germans in their defeat before Cambrai are not large, even according to the estimates of the British, the number of casualties being placed by the latter at only 50,000, which is relatively small for such a vast undertaking and for such an extensive capture of terrain. It is said that the British in the one coup recovered 100 square miles of French territory. In view of that fact it might have been expected in normal procedure of battle that the defeated forces would lose as high as 100,000 men. In the Cambrai battle the minimizing of the German losses was undoubtedly due to the fact that the German lines were not pounded for days by British artillery and also to the fact that the Germans did not put up a valiant stand in the early hours of the battle but took themselves to the rear just about as fast as their legs could carry them. On the other hand, the British losses were very slight, making the battle one of the strangest in modern warfare.

ALLIED AID AND THE ITALIAN STAND.

It has been ten days since the statement was made by the British publicity agent, Mr. Maurice, that British and

French troops would take "some days" to reach the side of the Italians battling in their northern mountain regions. The general opinion is that the "some days" must have passed; and if the British and French reinforcements are not now supporting the Italian armies it is another case of the greater nations of the entente allies neglecting their smaller allies woefully. Of course, Italy is more self-reliant than Rumania and Serbia were prior to the time when the Teutonic steam-roller began its progress over them, but Italy is probably subjected to much greater pressure than was either of those two countries. So her need is fully as great. Moreover, the distance which the British and the French troops needed to traverse in order to reach the Italian front was far less than it was in the case of Serbia and Rumania; and the distance was bridged by rail transportation rather than by a long water haul. It would be surprising if the Anglo-French reinforcements are not within call in case of dire need. In the meantime the Italian forces are doing valiantly as they hurl themselves against the advance of the Teutons in the northern section of the battle front. Their success during the latter part of last week in recovering Tomba and Persica mountains from the enemy stands out prominently as one of the military triumphs of the war. The Italian armies are surely "finding themselves" after their initial reverses in the shock of unexpected attack and are winning the approbation of

the military experts on our side of the war. That which they undoubtedly need the most is a large number of guns, together with the shells to be used in them. The Italians never have been strong in big guns and they lost very heavily in the early attack by the enemy, to say nothing of the abandonment of large stores of munitions. Reinforcements must, therefore, be as much in materials as in men.

WASHINGTON

Appreciative Audience Heard the Spaulding Students.

An appreciative audience of about 200 turned out to greet the members of the Spaulding high school dramatic club in a play given in school house hall last Saturday night for the Red Cross. The play, "His Methodist Foot," was full of amusing situations. The acting and readings reflected great credit on the members of the club and were enthusiastically received. The proceeds of the play and dance, which followed, netted \$29.55, the whole amount of which was very generously donated to the local Red Cross workers, who are co-operating with the Barre association. The club certainly deserves great credit for the patriotic way in which they are doing their bit in the great conflict in which the nation is engaged.

The extension school of agriculture and domestic science will be in session next week, beginning Monday and continuing through Friday. Everybody is requested to come and participate. The course is free. Those coming from distant areas are requested to bring their dinner baskets.

MABEL SYRUP'S COLYUM

"To have a lively and not a stolid countenance."—Truth of Intercourse.

"The time has come to conquer or submit. For us there is but one choice. We have made it."—President Wilson.

RECEIVED by a local Ford owner: "Please write & let me know all about the car. I would like a second hand car to do dirty work if I could get it cheap. Yours, etc."

The Doctor Sees It Through.

Dr. F. D. Badger took a trip to Coventry Saturday, going by way of the north neighborhood. When ready to return, the doctor thought he would try a short cut over the flat, forgetting the intense rains of recent days. Turning the bend at the Putney farm, the doctor ran into about two feet of water over the road. "Pooh," says the doctor (being a medicine man), who cares for a little cold water! Do the old tub good. And he forges ahead. About half way up and half way down, without a turn to right or to left of him, she goes "Pit-t-t-t-t" and suspends motion and animation. Nothing to do, but the doctor calmly wades out into the depths and begins to crank. Switch! at the first turn, hand and arm encased in glove, coat, shirt and whatnot is soaked to the shoulder. Then the doctor calmly says, "Why, sure, I'm on the magnet and got a short transit." He shifted onto the battery, climbed into his car and "sailed" serenely home.—Newport item.

"N. Y. N. H. CONDUCTOR Wins Fight with Rheumatism and Joints." Cruel and unusual weapon.

If you have the good citizen's inherent aversion to jury duty you might take a lesson from the folks up in Orleans county, where witnesses and jurors contribute their fees to the war fund of the Y. M. C. A.

Green Mountain Echoes.

Listen for the wedding bells.—Ober Hill item.

W. A. Bucky recently had one of his nice colts put its stifle out in the barn. Cold River item.

It is the bit bird that flutters, so the old song goes. Quite a few fluttering down this way. Wonder why?—Felcherville item.

George A. Stearns wears a broad smile. It's a grandson.—Cavendish Center item.

A couple of airships passed over this town last week and as they were very high in the air it was difficult to distinguish them from the stars.—Barnet item.

The Parkhurst cat was found by Edgar Williams of Markam mountain. It was dead but bore no marks of being trapped or shot.—Weston item.

James Miles says he raised two and one-half bushels of beans from one pint of seed. Going some, as they say.—Sutton item.

Included in a party of deer hunters who have gone into the Ripton woods are two adventurous Middlebury girls, Ruth Benedict and Miss Ida Dragon.—Middlebury item.

Most all of the men are out after deer or deer for the next few days.—Felcherville item.

Mrs. Frances Chamberlain is laying a new line of water pipe. George Lee of Concord, N. H., is stopping there to see this work through to successful finish and for a city man it certainly will be a strenuous task.—East Ryegate item.

Was it a German spy or the boys in the neighborhood who painted five of Fletcher Blodgett's hogs red, white and blue on Halloween night, or did he do it himself to show his patriotism?—Hyde Park Center item.

We learn that Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Holbrook are to settle in Vineland, N. J. Well, we hate to have good young people move away, but Mr. Holbrook's health is so poor it is thought that the change is for the best.—Centerville item.

Sh! Sh! Sh!

Three men from Corinth stopped with Mrs. Ruggles Friday night. They had four yoke of nice steers.—Norwich item.

Overseer G. F. Lackey to-day received a postcard from his wife, who has arrived at Dunedin, Fla., where she says

she is enjoying the singing of birds and sunshine.—Montpelier item.

When he does sing, Old Sol's a melodious baby.

Poems You May Not Have Read.

The Bear.
 Frank Clough glimpsed a bear
 (In Washington)
 Below the Hull barn was he—
 John got the hunters with their guns—
 For the bear he wished them to see.

The stage driver stopped,
 And the nigger he run.
 He run for Frank's house
 To borrow a gun.

And Frank came back
 With the shotgun new—
 He saw the dog
 And he ran, too.

The dog took a track,
 And started to roam
 Far from the hunter,
 In his kitchen at home.
 —Falley Forge.

Marble Tops Are Coming Back.

The dance at A. M. Whitcomb's was well attended, about 40 couples being present, besides several baldheads who formed the rear guard by playing cards. Merritt Earle acted as string tickler. Several of the most beautiful young ladies served ice cream and cake. All reported a fine time.—Hyde Park Center item.

So Don't We.

Melvin Jones had the misfortune to break a rib last week, but is doing well at this writing. Melvin says he wishes all of Adam's ribs had been used to make the fairer sex.—Hyde Park Center item.

Interment was in the Welcome O. Brown cemetery.—Barton item.
 Over the main entrance "Welcome!" The melancholy days are here,
 The saddest of the year.
 Now that they are here, who wrote the couplet?

We thought not. M. S.

WATERBURY

The meeting under the auspices of the educational committee of the Hypatia club was held in the chapel at the hospital Friday evening. Mrs. F. E. Steele, jr., president of the club, opened the meeting, presenting Mrs. W. L. Wasson, chairman of the committee, who had the program in charge. The pleasant affair opened by the ladies' chorus, under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Boicourt. Their initial appearance was made last year, but much improvement has been made in their rendering and interpretation of the music. Following these numbers came the violin solos of James P. Riley, whose coming to the front was received with cheers and whose playing brought hearty applause, as did the choruses. Another solo by Mr. Riley followed the address of the evening, in all of which, with the encores, he showed himself an artist. Both the soloist and the chorus were ably supported by Mrs. Boicourt as accompanist. Mrs. Wasson was very apt in her introduction of Hon. Mason S. Stone of Montpelier, who gave an instructive and pleasing address on "China." Mr. Stone's information was first hand and as he told of the country, her people, customs and much of her educational system, he held the close attention of all. All were glad of this opportunity to hear Mr. Stone again, as well as to greet him at the informal reception which followed. Out of respect for food conservation, refreshments were not served.

The good words of "Work well done" continue to be received by the local Red Cross from headquarters.

Judge George H. Dale and H. J. Parker are commissioners on the Frederick Funke estate.

C. A. Perry of Brattleboro has been spending a few days with his wife at the home of Mrs. Harriett Moody.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Whitehill are in Boston for a few days. Miss Roberta Giddens accompanying them.

Just Starting.

"I suggest that you outline peace terms," urged a senator of that day. "You are a trifle premature," responded John Paul Jones. "I have not yet begun to fight."—Kansas City Journal.



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